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Town of Sheffield Board of Health
Emergency Order 05062020

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 111, sections 95-105; 310 CMR 1.05; and 105 CMR 300.200, the Sheffield Board of Health deems the following actions necessary to protect public health and safety.

The Sheffield Board of Health hereby ORDERS, effective immediately, the following:

Every store, workplace and any other facility or organization that is deemed to be a COVID-19 Essential Business (individually, a “Facility”, and collectively, “Facilities”) and that is open to the public is required to place a sign no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches, clearly visible on any point of entry into such Facility, stating that (1) the use of protective face coverings is required of every person entering such Facility and at all times while in such Facility, and (2) persons not employees of such Facility are required to maintain a minimum six-foot distance from other persons both inside and outside such Facility.

Persons that have pre-existing medical conditions that prevent their use of face coverings (such persons, “Exempt Persons”) shall not be required to wear face coverings, and such persons will not be required to produce any evidence of such pre-existing medical conditions.

The employees of all Facilities must wear protective face coverings (including, but not limited to, cloth face coverings, face masks, and similar) while such employees are working inside or outside such Facility, including during the delivery of goods or services to customers or other persons whether inside or outside the Facility.

Employees of all Facilities are hereby made responsible for enforcing the requirements of this Emergency Order. In the event of any non-compliance with this order, an employee shall contact the employee’s supervisor to report such non-compliance or, in the event of a dispute regarding such non-compliance that cannot be safely, constructively and amicably resolved, the employee is empowered to contact the Sheffield Police Department (by calling 911 to report an emergency).

In any and all events regarding potential or actual non-compliance, the goal of this Emergency Order is to encourage voluntary compliance, community cohesion and public safety, invoking the powers of enforcement only when necessary.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Any person inside any Facility who declines or refuses to wear a face covering as required by this Emergency Order (with the exception of Exempt Persons) shall be deemed in violation of this Emergency Order and may be subject to civil fines and/or criminal prosecution.

Agents of the Sheffield Board of Health (“Agents”) are authorized to enforce this Emergency Order and if necessary may do so with the assistance of State or local police officers. The Sheffield Board of Health hereby designates all sworn officers, supervisors and commanders of the Sheffield Police Department as Agents, pursuant to authority granted the Sheffield Board of Health under MGL Chapter 111, section 30. This designation will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency or until this Emergency Order is rescinded by the Sheffield Board of Health, and this designation empowers Agents to engage in all related public outreach, mitigation and enforcement activities related to this Emergency Order.

Sheffield Board of Health
Martin C. Mitsoff, Chairman